INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING HOMEWORK

In the class text, Ways of the World, you will find that the author discusses and often refers to the 3 main eras of World History II. These eras are:

- Early Modern 1450-1750,
- The European Moment in World History, 1750-1914,
- The Most Recent Century 1914-2008.

You will find he continually connects the details he mentions to a larger context, he goes back and forth between particulars and the bigger picture, because the goal of this course is to understand the long term patterns and trends of global history. Your main task, therefore, will be to acquire a firm grasp of the overall picture. That means you will want to focus on the main ideas in all course readings.

Homework Assignments for the assigned chapters in this text consist of 2 elements:

1. Outline each chapter assigned. That means you must write down the Chapter number and title and you must include in your outline the main topics and the main ideas. You might ask “What does she mean by the main topic and the main ideas?” Every paragraph or section of the chapter has a topic. You must first identify the TOPIC. Once you identify the TOPIC, then you identify the MAIN IDEA by asking yourself “What is the author saying about the TOPIC?” So your outline will consist of topics and main ideas which you will note as you read the chapter.

2. Answer the BIG PICTURE QUESTIONS at the end of each chapter assigned.

You will receive 20 points for completing the Homework for each chapter assigned.